

May 2006 Overview

Summary: In April, the 2008 Medic One/EMS Levy Planning Draft Recommendations were unveiled for review by the Technical Stakeholders. These draft recommendations proposed a substantial increase in program costs for the next levy when compared to the current 2002-2007 levy.

At the end of the meeting, Stakeholders requested that further analysis be conducted to develop a range of alternate options for levy services, programs and costs that fall within the County's historic levy rate of 25-29 cents. April and May were spent re-evaluating the draft recommendations and proposing alternatives that resulted in a lower levy rate yet still met the needs of the Medic One/EMS system.

At the May Stakeholders meeting, Stakeholders adopted a proposal that endorses a levy package with a range of funding scenarios for discussion and review by elected officials during the next steps of this process. The range spans from \$0.266 (the approximate cost of doing current business using 2008 numbers) to \$0.3825 for funding all the draft recommendations.

Understanding that elected officials throughout the region are not likely to support a levy funding rate that exceeds 30 cents, it was suggested that fiscal and programmatic analysis be conducted and subsequent support be given to a levy rate of 30 cents. The proposal also included language that supports any local jurisdiction that chooses to go out for a local EMS levy to supplement their county EMS levy revenues. Details of a 30 cent levy rate are still being finalized and will be presented to the Stakeholders in June.

Meeting Schedule

June 1, 2006: Stakeholders Meeting (1st Thursday of each month) from 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM at Renton Fire Station #14 (1900 Lind Avenue SW, Renton).

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